

(also called "mixing"), routing, and changing the level, timbre and/or dynamics of audio signals. A mixer can mix analog or digital signals, depending on the type of mixer. The modified signals (voltages or digital samples) are summed to produce the combined output signals.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mixing_console

- A "Receiver" is: AV receivers or audio-video receivers are one of the many consumer electronics components typically found within a home theatre system. Their primary purpose is to amplify sound from a multitude of possible audio sources as well as route video signals to your TV from various sources. The user may program and configure a unit to take inputs from devices such as DVD players, VCRs etc. and easily select which source you want to route to your TV and have sound output for.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/AV_receiver

Second, the images provided in the TASCAM (M-08) do not show a back panel that is slightly slanted as argued by the examiner, nor does it teach or suggest the structure recited in the current claims. Please see the following link for an additional view of the device:

<http://www.harmony-central.com/Events/WNAMM96/Tascam/M-08.html>

Applicant respectfully submits that its claims are in condition for allowance, and request notice thereof.

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